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1. On 9 December 1951, source determined that the headquarters previously located in the Schlossgarten quarter, Schwerin (M 54/T 46), had moved to Goerries airfield southwest of Schwerin.

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2. On 30 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrowerstrasse quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. The barracks buildings were about 80 percent lighted after sundown.

3. On 1 December, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets. From 60 to 80 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted at nightfall.

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4. Twelve model M-13 rocket launchers and about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were loaded aboard a train at the Schwerin freight yard in the afternoon of 3 December 1951. The train was headed toward Mittenberge. (3) Eight trucks, each carrying eight soldiers and towing a 122-mm field howitzer, were seen moving along Ludwigscluster Strasse toward the training area at Zippendorf on 26 November.

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5. Trucks each towing a 76.2-mm gun, were seen leaving the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigscluster Strasse on 6 December.

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6. Four trucks towing 37-mm AA guns were noticed in the training area near the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigscluster Chaussee on 6 December. Close-order drill at squad level was noticed in the yard of the barracks installation.

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7. Only a little activity was noticed in the billeting area of the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrowerstrasse on 7 December. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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8. On 7 December, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse quartered troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Some of the soldiers received telephone training in the barracks yard. Personnel of other units quartered in the installation had been engaged primarily in duties inside the buildings since the end of November.

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9. Sentries observed in front of the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse on 30 November and 5 December wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Two T-34/85 tanks and 2 x 100-mm AT guns were seen in the barracks yard. Almost no training activity was noticed.

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10. On 3 December, soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were noticed in the Goerries airfield installation. There were no sentries. About 200 troops, including some with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, received field training at the drill field. Several telephone sections were engaged in stringing lines.

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11. From 26 November to 4 December, the Goerries airfield installation housed a high-echelon headquarters and troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and a winged-shell insignia and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. Soldiers were seen engaged in carbine firing at the target ranges, and six soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets were observed stringing a telephone line in Ludwigsluster Strasse.

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12. Between 1 and 4 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse was occupied below capacity by about 1,200 troops, most of whom were recruits. A large percentage wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and winged-shell insignia. (E-3) Other soldiers wore black-bordered black and red-bordered black

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About 150 unarmed troops were seen drilling together. Some small groups of soldiers practiced range estimation and the operation of range finders at the adjoining training field on 2 December.

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13. On 4 December, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigscluster Chaussee was occupied below capacity by about 1,200 troops, most of whom wore black-bordered red, and some, red-bordered black epaulets. About 200 unarmed soldiers received close-order drill, while a unit of 2 officers and 50 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying submachine guns and entrenching tools, and another unit of 10 officers and 300 unarmed men were seen marching into the billeting area.

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Comments.

- (1) In a report of late November 1951, the same source announced the movement of the Hq IX Mtz Rifle Corps from the Schlossgarten quarter to Goerries airfield.

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- (4) Since the middle of November 1951, Goerries airfield is believed to have been occupied by the Hq IX Mtz Rifle Corps and corps headquarters units such as signal and artillery units. The troops wearing winged-shell insignia, reported in paragraph 11 and 12, probably belong to the corps's 10th Gds RL Regt.

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